

Thousand of us expressed out concerns over media consolidation, and the recent develops of a broadcasting company's decision to strong arm their stations into showing a biased work of propaganda proves why we were concerned. Pre-empting programming, calling it a "news event," airing it in primetime clearly indicates the groups intent to manipulate and subvert our democracy just days before an election.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.